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Title : Aqueous-Based Oil Well Drilling Fluids Containing High
Amylose Starch Polymers

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.